

FRIENDS OF WHITE BEAR LAKE

- WHO ARE FRIENDS OF WHITE BEAR LAKE?

Friends is a non profit group focused solely on bringing supplemental water to White Bear Lake to remedy the long standing problem of low water levels. Water added to White Bear Lake will either raise the lake or recharge the surrounding groundwater and the aquifer below the lake.

- THE PROBLEM:

Despite a decade of above average rainfall and two extraordinarily wet years in a row the lake remains more than 2 feet below the 100 year median of 923.5 and 3.5 below the ordinary high water mark of 924.89. These low water levels restrict or eliminate public access to White Bear Lake. Ramsey County Beach has been closed for seven years.

- THE SOLUTION:

Recharging the lake with nearby surface water can raise the lake level up to one foot per year. This process of recharging lakes with clean filtered water is being done successfully across the country, including two lakes within five miles of White Bear. Recharging is a permanent sustainable solution for White Bear Lake's persistent low water levels. There is a direct route available for a five mile pipeline from Vandals Lake, which can bring abundant clean water to White Bear Lake.

The cost appears to be a fraction of previous estimates: detailed pricing from a legislatively funded DNR study will be available in January.

- STATE BONDING FUNDS ARE CRITICAL FOR THIS PROJECT - THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS MARCH 8:

White Bear Lake is a state-wide asset of regional economic and recreational importance. Friends of White Bear Lake proposes 100% state bonding for the capital costs for infrastructure to bring water to White Bear Lake. On going operating costs are being detailed now by the DNR study and could be paid by all five communities around the lake. Because of the many thousands of households in the White Bear Lake area, the monthly cost per household would likely only be a couple dollars.

- WHITE BEAR LAKE NEEDS YOUR HELP:

People who love White Bear Lake need to make their voices heard: expressing their support for a clean and robust lake. In 2016 Ramsey County Beach, the largest public access on White Bear Lake will be closed for the seventh straight year. Friends of White Bear Lake is working with local cities and state legislators to make the case for the recharge of White Bear Lake. We all need to be vigorous advocates for the lake.

- PLEASE SUPPORT FRIENDS OF WHITE BEAR LAKE:

Send your donation to Friends of White Bear Lake, 4751 Highway 61 North, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or visit or website FoWBL.org to make a contribution.